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Sent: Mondey, July 02, 2007 10:20 AM

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From: frank bailey [ftb907@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 8:56 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: ACT

Got a positive phone call from a Fred Sturman, the Vice President of Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers on the Peninsula this morning who wanted to pass on to someone "Could you just tell the Governor that we think she is doing an absolutely wonderful job? It is so wonderful to see someone finally stand up to growing government."

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 1:43 PM

To: Spencer; Kari L (GOV)

Subject: FW: Budget

From: Charley Larson [mailto:charley_iarson@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 12:55 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palln (GOV sponsored)

Subject: RE: Budget

I am pretty much sure Sarah sees only the nice ones but thank you anyway. Charley

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Web mail from: Mr. Charley Larson

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907-789-7544

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Boardwalk for \$500? In 2007? Ha! Play Monopoly Here and Now (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.

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Sent: To: Monday, July 02, 2007 10:41 AM andypope99801@yahoo.com

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Web mail from: Mr. andy pope

address: 895 w 12th st #202 Juneau AK 99801

907 586 0111

MESSAGE:

I, like many others, am very disappointed you vetoed the appropriation (\$100.000) to make the Juneau City And Borough Paul Emerson Park disabled accessable.

Why is it those who are the most needful and have the fewest resources and opportunities for a normal life are the first to punished by budget cuts?

When you next enjoy outdoor recreation at the beach look around you and count the disabled, if any. I assure you there will be none at the Paul Emerson City Park at False outer point. And consider how many would have loved to spend a weekend camping with their friends and family at the Emerson campgrounds. But it wont happen because it is not disabled accessable.

As a registered Republican for 53 years I have always supported fiscal restraint but I have never considered that it should began with those among us who have been left behind. And please dont cite the Senior Care program in excuse. That was done by the Legislation, and in any case as a 74 year old low income Senior who will receive the full amount (\$250.00) I opposed the grant as being excessive.

There would have been little need for such vetoes if you had saved money by holding the

Sesson in the state capital. It was such spending(a jet plane) that was the undoing of our last Governor, and if you continu to waste money with your "Capital Move" it may well be your undoing

Respectfully, but very disappointed,

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Sent:

Monday, July 02, 2007 10:19 AM

To: Subject: scokinc@ak.net RE: Seniors

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Seniors

Web mail from: Ms. Patricia Branson

address: 302 Erskine Kodiak AK 99615

907-486-6181

MESSAGE:

Gov. Palin:

First I would like ot thank you for extending Senior Care benefits for seniors until July 31, 2007. This act prompted the Legislature to take up the bill in a special session and do the right thing in getting these much needed benefits for low income Alaskan seniors in place.

Second: With your capital budget vstoes, our agency, Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc. was vetoed \$15,000 for equipment and maintenance projects. I understand your need to hold budgets in line. What is disappointing to me as an Executive Director is that our agency has taken advantage to write grants for capital projects every time a grant proposal for deferred maintenance is available from the state. There have been several deferred maintenance grants available just for senior centers, and agencies who serve seniors and other Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries in the last two years. Many of the senior agencies who were not vetoed for capital projects in the 2008 capital budgst have not done taken the time or used the opportunity to write proposals for these grants, but yet they have been awarded maintenance and equipment funds in the FY2008 capital budgst. Their funds stayed in tact.

So the message I am receiving from the state is those agencies who do not write grants (our last one for deferred maintenance was 231 pages in length), get funded and rewarded for NOT writing grants and we who do, get penalized. The reason given for our agency's veto was that the "funds were duplicate." I am guessing this referral was to the recent

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for OTHER maintenance projects for our building (built in 1985).

It is discouraging to have taken such time and efforts on behalf of our staff and Board of Directors to continue to seek grants funds, write the proposals, get awarded the funds, only to know that there is an "easier" way of getting those funds. I only wish I had known this ahead of time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Patricia Branson

Executive Director

Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc.

scokinc@ak.net

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Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: To: Monday, July 02, 2007 10:16 AM charley_larson@yahoo.com

Subject:

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Web mail from: Mr. Kelly Wolf

addrsss: P.O Box 2416 Kenai AK 99611

907-262-1032

MESSAGE:

To the Honorable Governor Palin

While Firday afternoon leaving Resurrection Valley I received the phone call that you Veto the Firendship missions 70K in Kenai Alaska. Disappointed was the 1st reaction I had, about the news. but as founder of Youth Restoration Corps I love hard work, I know how to get things done. So I wanted to email you to test, if you really were in touch with Alaskan's or were insulated in Juneau by Tibbles and Perry.

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Shame on you!!!

Rep Kelly Wolf Retired

yrc@acsalaska.net

From:

Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov] Monday, July 02, 2007 9:30 AM Tibbles; MIchael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent:

To:

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Ethics

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Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov] Monday, July 02, 2007 8:32 AM

Sent: To:

Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject:

Fw: Sunday

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Cc: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Sent: Mon Jul 02 08:31:45 2007

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Web mail from: chuck pierce

address: 15417 mothershead lane palmer AK 99645

MESSAGE:

Way to go!!!!!!!Finily a gov that is standing behind what she said she was going to do. Keep up the good work. Now if we can overhaul tier 2 we will be on the right path back. But do have question for you. How can I get the matsu bourogh to let us have another auto race track on the alaska raceway park property. It has been all laid out but the bourogh said no before they even looked at our propsel (sorry spelling is of bit off its 4:30 in the am. Any susgestions would be help full

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Don Winchester

address: 3230 Spinnaker Anchorage AK 99516

907-522-1937

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor:

Re: Dimond Alumni Field Project

It was very disapponting to have our project funding vetoed this last week. We have been working on this project the last 8 years. We are a non profit organization that have zero dollars spent for administration cost (100% volunteer). We use every dime that comes in to the project(s) we are working on. We the Alumni have done the mainteneance on the field the last 8 years because of the tight funds for the school district for maintenance.

Because of our long standing accomplishments in our community we were able to put in place a number of ways to save cost for this project (frieght \$70,000.00 saving to name one). Because of your veto to complete this project it will cost apporx. \$500,000 more plus add time.

Politicians are also pleading for the communities to be involved. Well this community just got its face slapped.

Don Winchestsr

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From: Sent: To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Monday, July 02, 2007 8:17 PM

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Subject:

Re: RFA is up

Oh yeah!!!

Amazing job. Amazing team.

Alaska thanks you!

Sarah

Palin

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 20:15:38

Cc:Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: RFA is up

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Tom
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Sent: 7/2/07 7:24 PM
Subject: RFA is up
We are done!
It is up on the AGIA website:
http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/agia/index.htm
All of the hard work had produced an excellent product-what a team!
Nan
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What a very special team!!!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS

From:

Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent:

Monday, July 02, 2007 2:12 PM thedavisfamily@myway.com

Subject:

RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

----Original Message----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.etate.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, July 02, 2007 2:07 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Anna Davis

address: 13761 Venue Way Anchorage AK 99515

907-351-9803

MESSAGE:

After traveling for the past 2 weeks and spanding one week in Las Vegas at the Soccer Regionals where my son and his team were representing the State of Alaska, I am very discouraged concerning your decision to veto all high school eports requests except some of the Chugiak funding.

First, I was told all the other teams representing Ca, Az, Nv, Id, Wa, and Or were just finishing their soccer season and Ak was on just beginning the season. This is true because my son's team had 2 weeks prior to leaving to practice and play games, as did most of the other teams, due to lack of playable fields.

Second, because there is only one outdoor and one indoor turf field in Anchorage that can be used for soccer/sports practice, and AK was represented by 6-8 teams in various age groupa, and all the fields were being used by someone else.

Third, we cannot use city fields until they dry out or the park area will be ruined, playing without cleats ie dangsroue.

Of the teams that competed only the 2 youngest teams made it to the quarter finals. I was told this was a first for AK.

The regionals ars a joke for Alaskans and the other teams know it. Truthfully, we are the true underdogs, the kids that play on ice, live in igloos, ride sled dogs to school. You should know the usual Ak talk. Right, we are spending lots of stats money on advertising to change that opinion, WOULDN'T IT BB BETTER TO USE SOME OF THAT STATE MONEY TO HAVE OUR CHILDREN BE OUR OFFICIAL ALASKAN AMBASSADORS AND REALLY CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE LOOK AT ALASKANS.

I felt sorry for my son and his team, they managed to keep the spirit and did score against one of the toughtest teams in the tournament. That was their glory for now and forever without some kind of turf to practice on, outdoors and in the snow.

Did you know the high school soccer players each year shovel off the turf at AFS inorder to play a full varsity soccer season, only the junior varsity have half of their games canceled because there is no fields to play on.

I would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have concerning soccer in Alaska. Unfortunately, I voted for you this term, but you will have to do something for my son and those children that want to shine for Alaska in sports before I vots for you again.

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